EVERYTHING
SUCKS
EXCEPT THE
INFESTION

Finding the Cure...

One rainy day, Uni is feeling very off about something. Something feels wrong, wrong everywhere, and he can't shake it. Little does he or anyone else know, something is happening outside of their prison known as the hospital, something that's a long, long time coming... and is only the beginning of a journey to what just might be their freedom.

SPARKLECARE

EVERYTHING SUCKS

Curing The Infection

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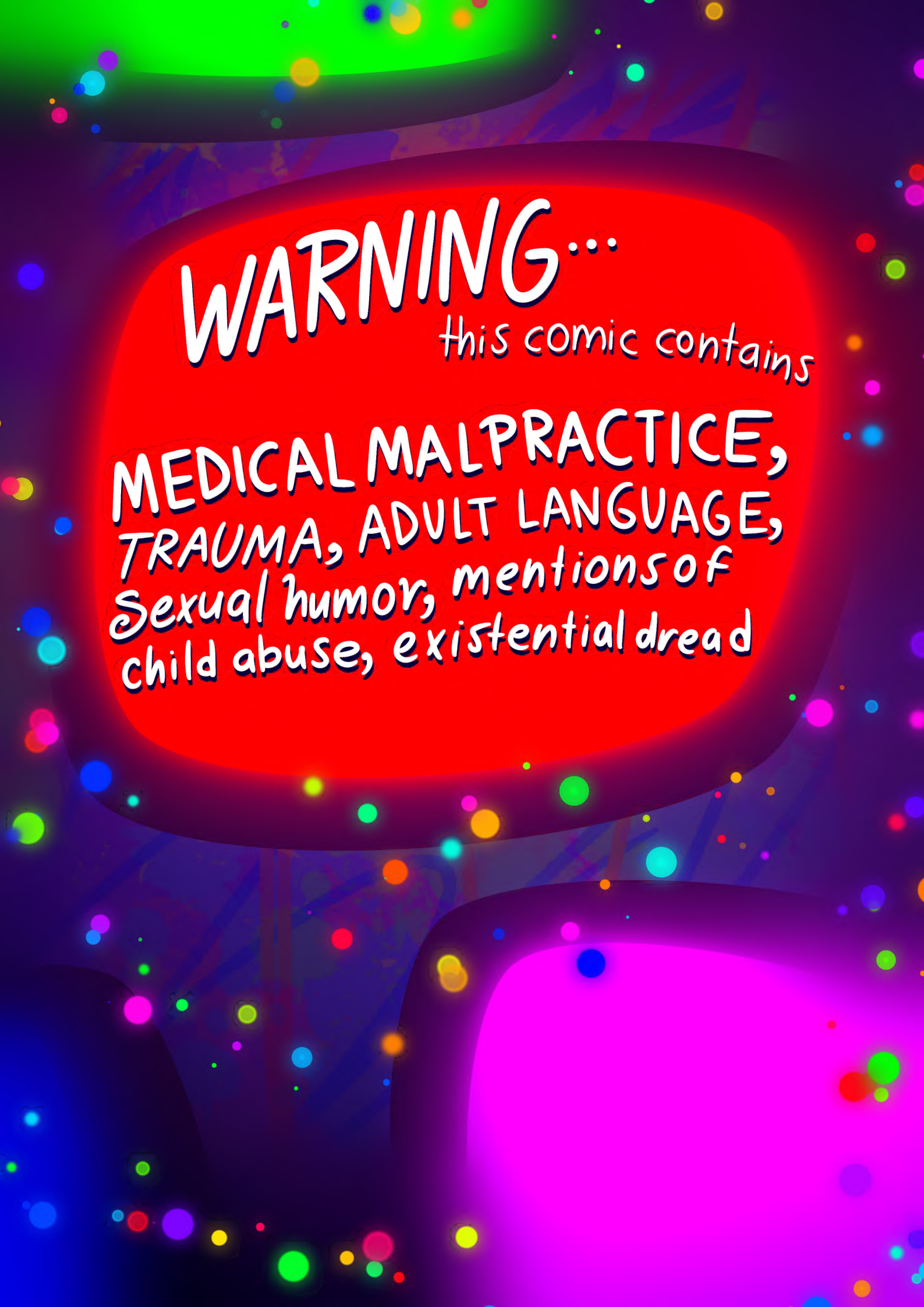
Dedicated to
The Sparklecarers
of the past, present,
and future

Love,
The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this comic contains
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE,
TRAUMA, ADULT LANGUAGE,
Sexual humor, mentions of
child abuse, existential dread

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BRO
ROOM
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SWAG
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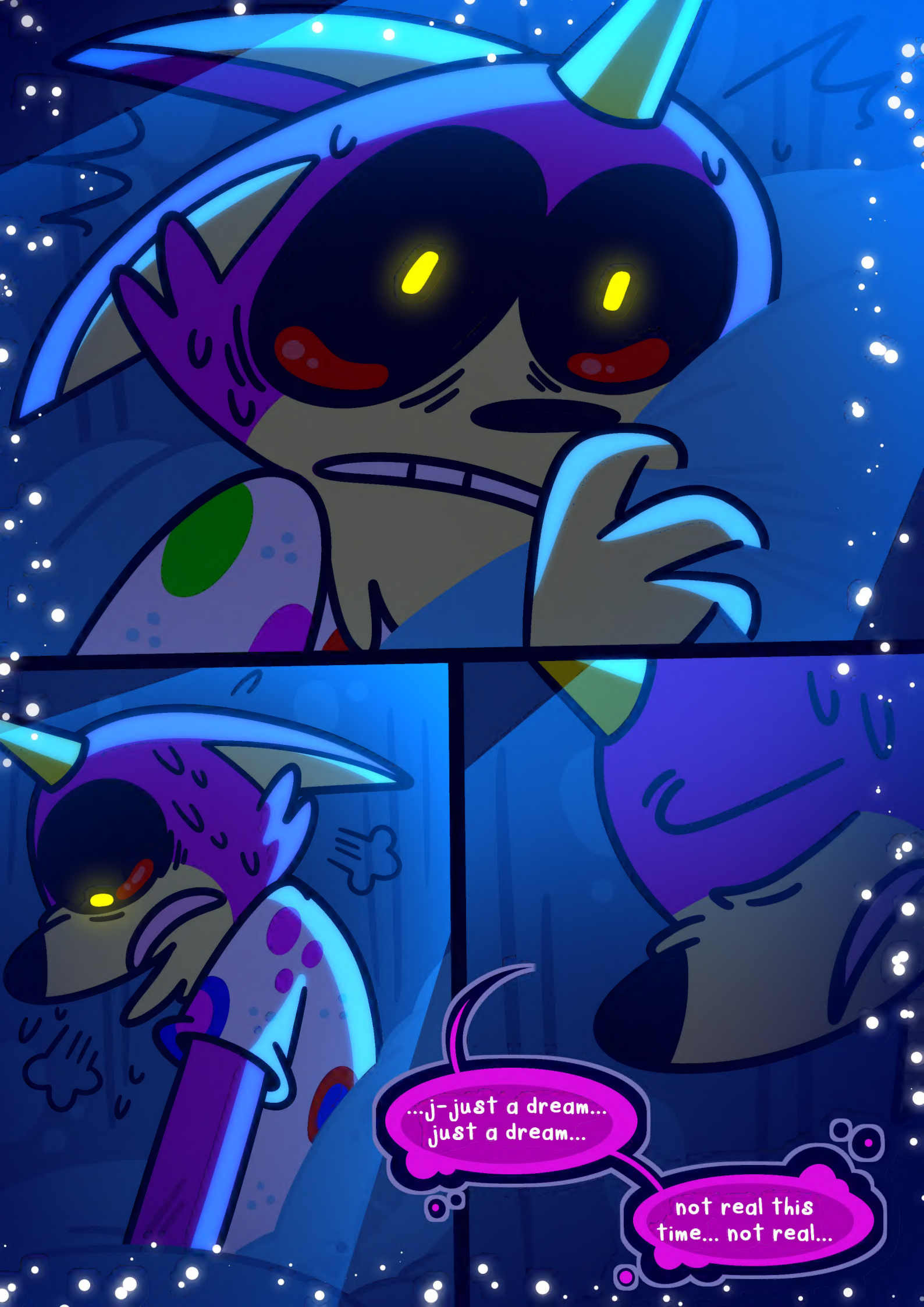
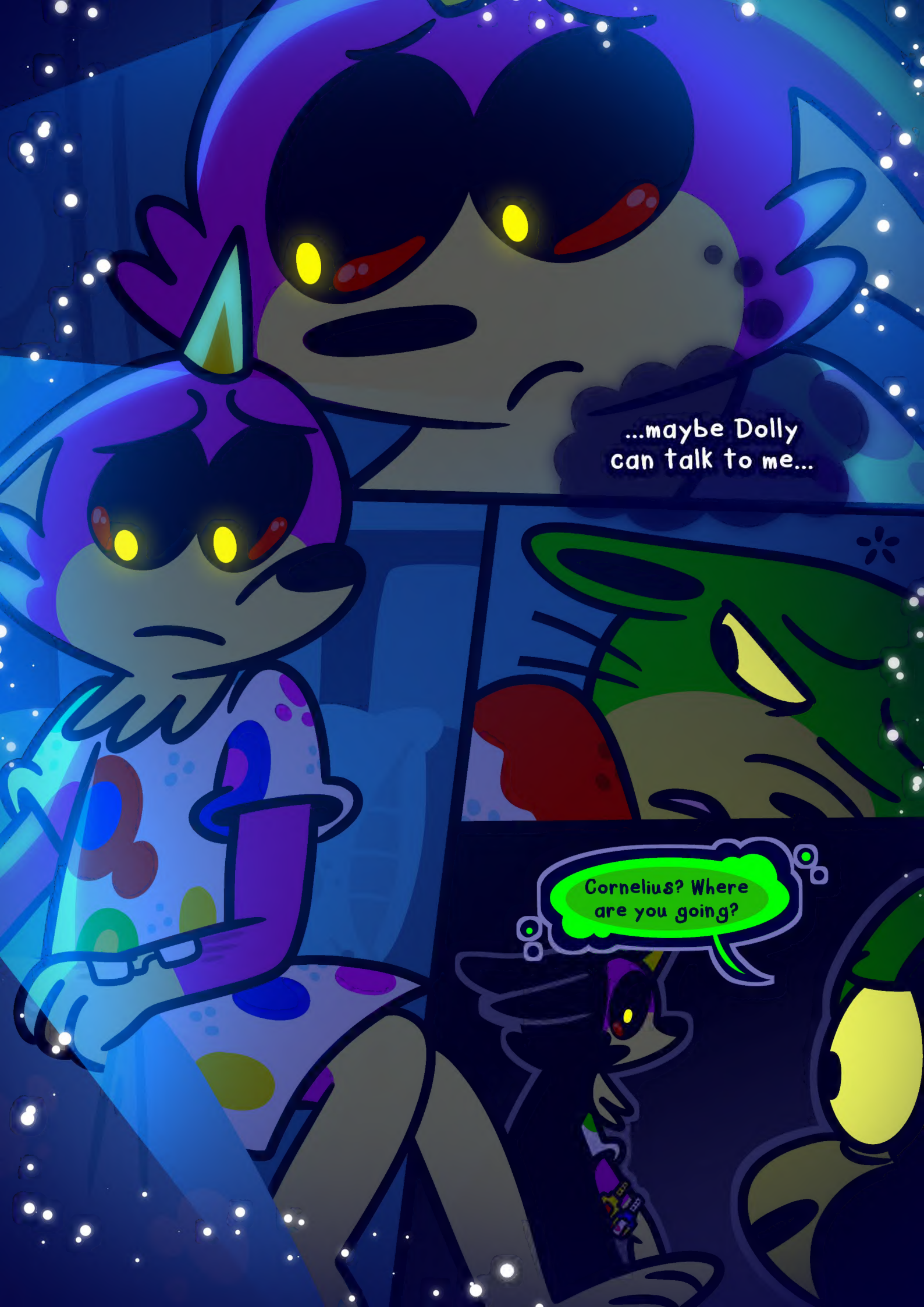
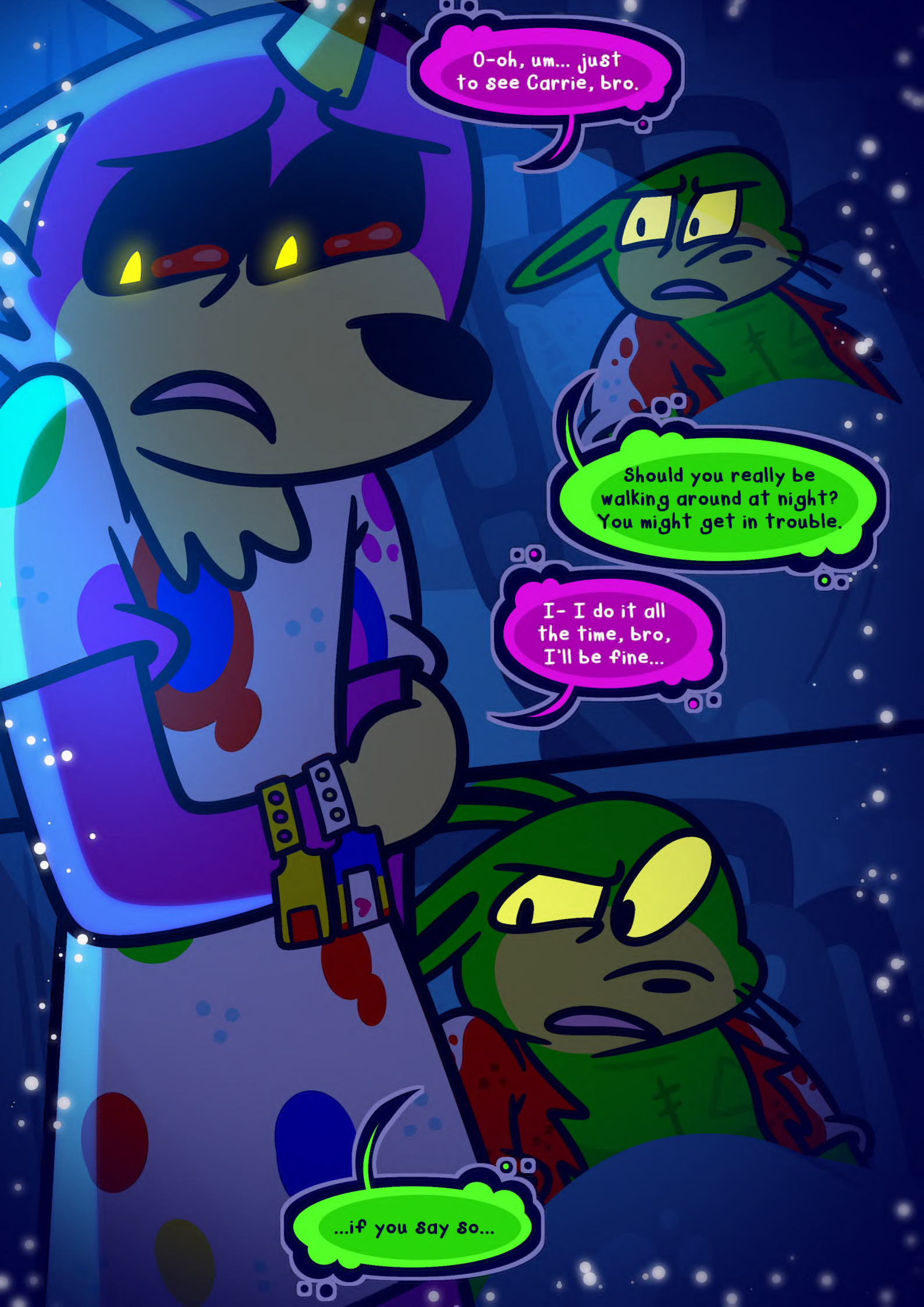

...j-just a dream... just a dream...
not real this time... not real...


...maybe Dolly can talk to me...
Cornelius? Where are you going?


O-oh, um... just to see Carrie, bro.
Should you really be walking around at night? You might get in trouble.
I- I do it all the time, bro, I'll be fine...
...if you say so...

JESSE T. DOLLY
♡palliative
Care
please open
door *slowly*
♥-thanks!-♥
KNOCK
KNOCK

CLICK
CLACK
DR. DOLLY
Age: MUCH younger than i look, unfortunately
Sex: With me??
Pronouns: they/them
Position: Doctor
Faves: ...Does it matter?

...hey, woah, what's going on, Sockie?
...I had a nightmare...
Oh dear... well, come on in.

Here, hold on...

Do you wanna tell me about your nightmare?
...I-I dreamt that... everything fell apart...
Everything went wrong... it was horrible...

...I'm sorry you dreamt that, Sockie.
I-I wish the other doctors were as supportive and understanding as you are to me... I wish you could be here during the day...
Well, I'm a night shift doctor, I can't exactly be here then. At least I can support you if you have a nightmare, though.
T-things are just so hard sometimes...
...t-thank you for letting me hold your dolls when I'm afraid... ever since I lost Bearry it's been really scary...

I-I mean, people think dolls like teddy bears are girly and it's weird for me to like them...
Well, don't worry about those people. You can like whatever you want if it makes you feel safe and happy.
...why do you collect so many, anyways?
Well, being here at night when it's dark scares me a little too. They make me feel less... alone.

That's kinda how I was with Bearry. He helped me feel less alone...
I wish Doom didn't have to take him away.
I-I don't even know where he is now.... h-h-he's probably rotting alone in that dump... a-a-all by h-h-himself...

Sockie... do you maybe want to have that doll?
...r-really?
Yeah. You'd have to keep it hidden, but... when you're alone and I'm not around during the day, I'll be with you.

T-thank you bro... you make it all a little easier.
I care about you. It's the least I can do.

Now, why don't you run along and get some more sleep? I'll see you tomorrow.
O-okay, bro... thank you again.
I hope this one doesn't get taken away...
I'd hate to lose something else again.

ROOM
D-14
SWAG
SWAG
SWAG

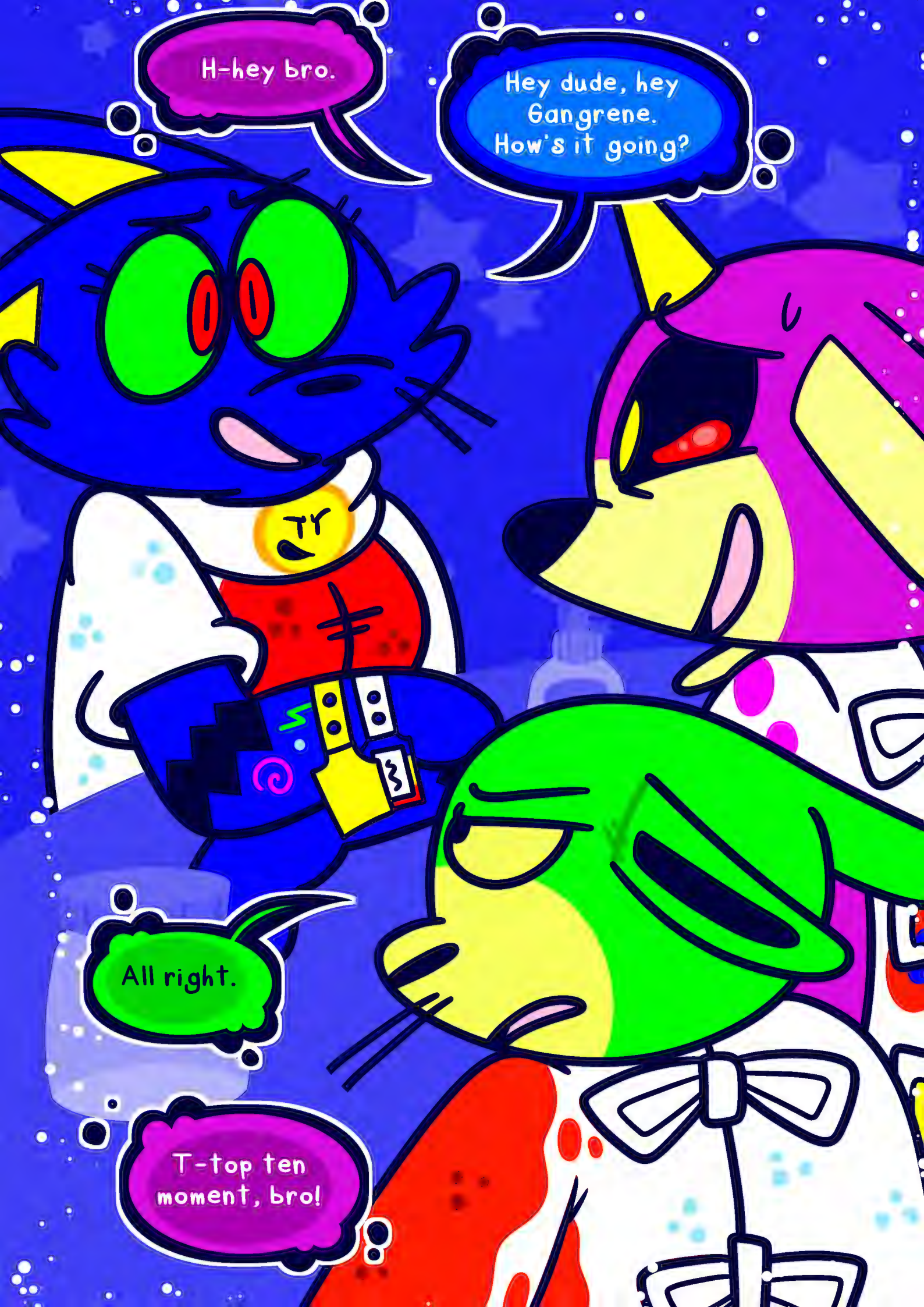
There you are.
BRO
My name is actually "U-ni", bro.
??
..what?

Um... s-so how are you bro?
As fine as I could be, considering the conditions in which we live.
What about yourself, Cornelius?
I-I'm swag bro, epic win, like a boss.
ROOM D-10
Naturally.
L-like, totally pwning it today bro, trolling the haters, haters gonna hate.
Sounds like quite a busy day for you.

W-what do you think we're gonna do in OT, bro?
Probably more arts and crafts.
I hate how the nice staff members treat us like little kids. We're adults.
I don't think they're treating us like little kids bro.
Making us do childish arts and crafts seems a lot like infantilization to me.

OT
ROOM

"Not treating us like little kids" huh?


H-hey bro.
Hey dude, hey Gangrene. How's it going?
All right.
T-top ten moment, bro!

SIT
Why don't you go sit somewhere else, TURNIP HEAD?

For the last time, I'm Jay's caregiver, I literally have to stay with them.
Some caregiver you are.
Carrie, will you please just stop? Acting like this isn't gonna suddenly change the past. You should just move on.
...whatever.

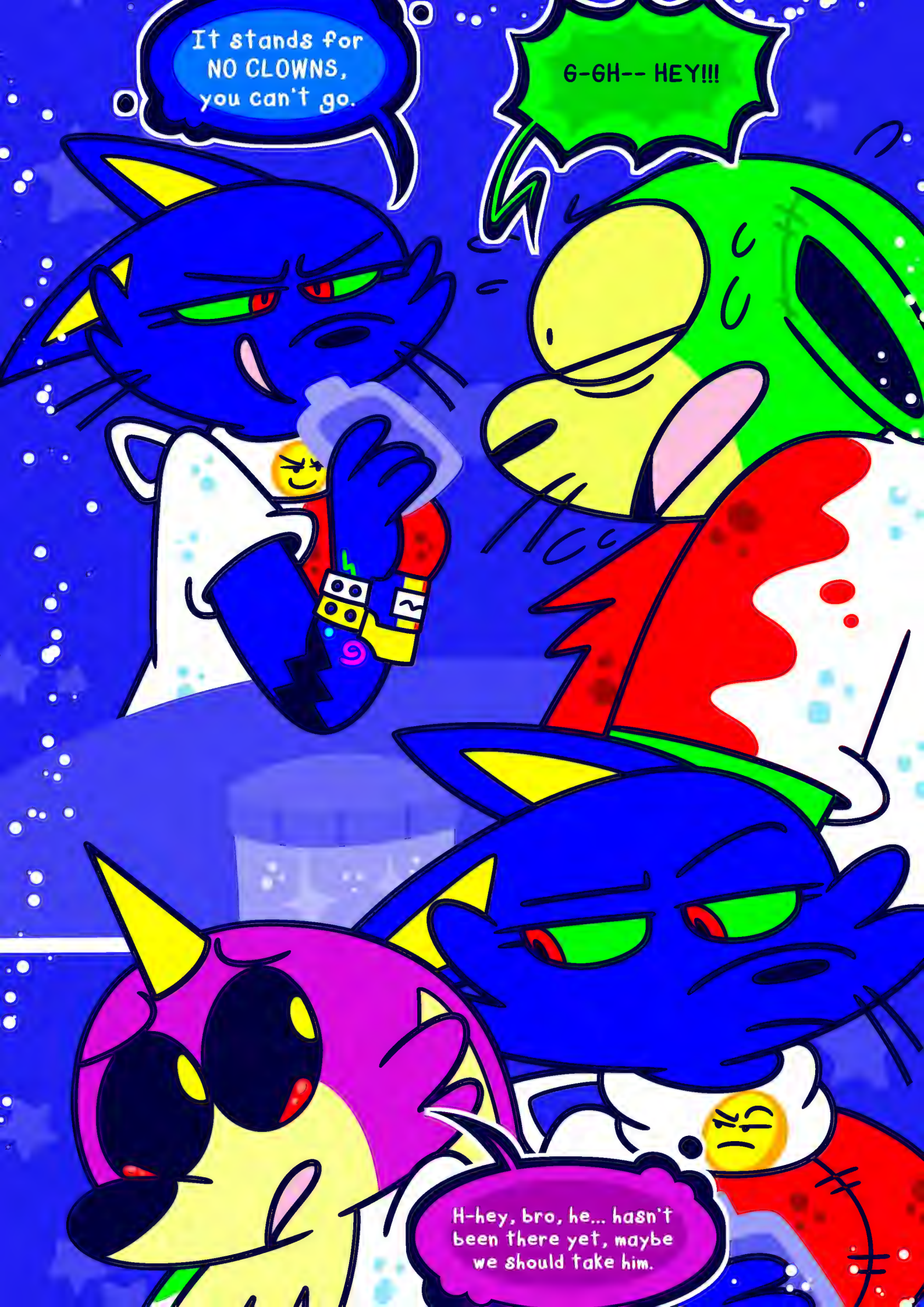
OCCUPA
THERAPY
Okay, is everyone here? No? Okay, whatever. For any new people, my name is-
SIGH
"Catter Kitter." I'm your occupational therapist.

Today we're going to be making glitter jars. Yaaay, fun. I am absolutely thrilled.
He seems excited for someone who doesn't care a lot.
Sarcasm, Cornelius.
O-oh, oops... my bad.

Glitter
glue
POP

SHAKE
SHAKE
Aren't you going to make one Cornelius?
H-huh? Oh... yeah... sorry- I'm just not feeling great...

What's going on, dude?
N-nothing, bro... just um... low power today...
You wanna go to the NC and talk about it?
THE WHAT?


It stands for NO CLOWNS, you can't go.
G-GH-- HEY!!!
H-hey, bro, he... hasn't been there yet, maybe we should take him.

Just don't worry about it, it'll be fine.
So.. where are we going, exactly?
A secret, hidden place that nobody knows about. We go here to stay away from the staff, sometimes.

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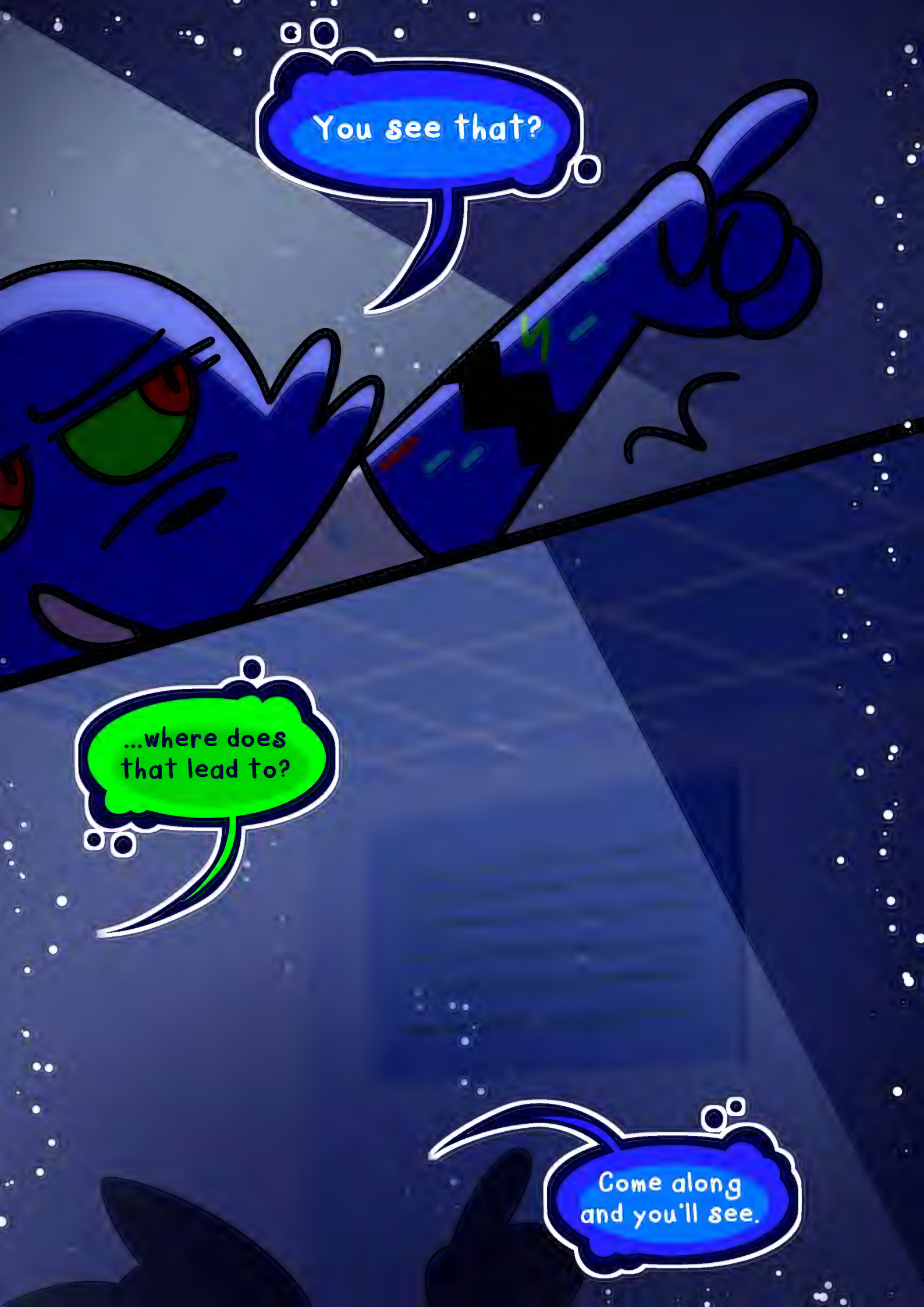
Where is it? This corner?
Have you learned nothing about us after all this time, Mr. Scientist? Isn't it your job to make observations?
I don't understand.


You see that?
...where does that lead to?
Come along and you'll see.

SCURRY
SCURRY
SCURRY
THUD

OUT OF
...you know, I never really thought about there being a morgue here, but it makes sense.

SLAM!
THIS... is our secret hideout, the Neglectful Club, or the NC.

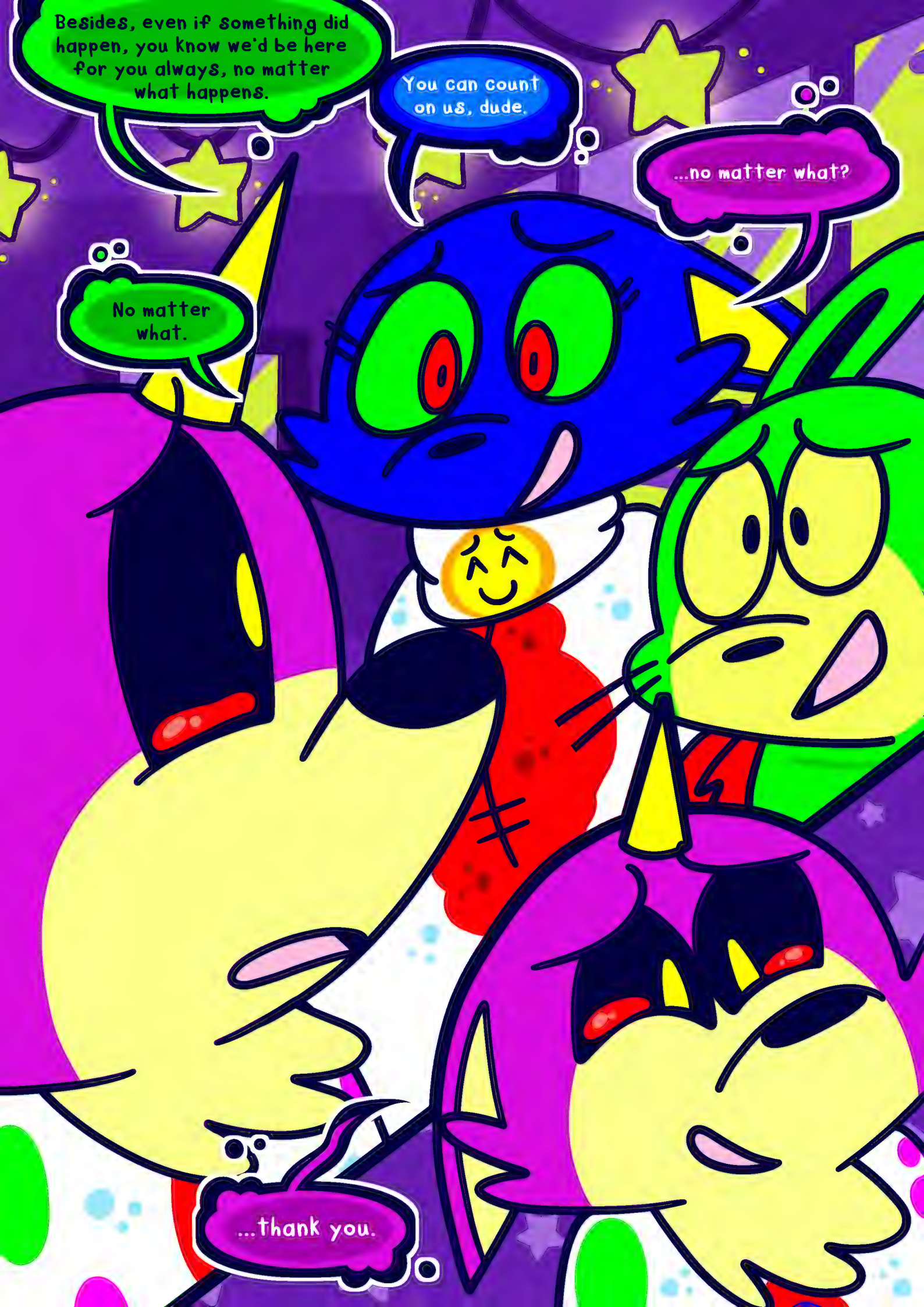
What a... charming... name.
It's sorta meant to be like a spin on the Sparkle Caring Club if that makes sense. Adding "sparkle" to it would have made it too long and hard to say, though.
Also, it kinda makes sense because they neglected and closed off this place.
I would assume that a morgue would be one of the most active places in the hospital, considering how many people die here.
Um... we don't really know...
Why is it closed off? Where do the bodies go?
But I don't think I want to know.

So what exactly do you use this place for?
Doin' stuff that the staff doesn't know about, like using electronics or shit like drinking... or... anything else like that.
It's just kinda a hangout spot to get a break. We can't stay in here for too long though because if we're gone for too long it'll be suspicious and they might try to find us.
It's also a place we can talk about things that we probably shouldn't talk about elsewhere, because nobody can really hear us in this place.

...which is why I wanted to bring Uni here, but I don't think that's possible now considering you're with us.
Oh, so you're gonna kick me out?
H-hey, bro, I can talk about it with him here, it's not like... really personal or anything like that, bro.

So... what's got your power low today, dude? Just depression?
N-no it's... it's nothing like that bro. Or... well...
Maybe it is, I don't know bro.
Is something bothering you?
...I just... I feel this... I can't even explain it. I had this nightmare last night and I've been unable to stop thinking about it.
I feel this horrible impending sense of doom all around me...

It feels like- like something really, REALLY bad is about to happen. I just...
I don't know what it is. And... and it scares me. Very badly bro.
Well, Cornelius, I think it's understandable that you would have feelings like this considering our living situation.
...yeah, Gangrene, I agree. You're probably just feeling a lot of anxiety, dude.


Besides, even if something did happen, you know we'd be here for you always, no matter what happens.
You can count on us, dude.
...no matter what?
No matter what.
...thank you.

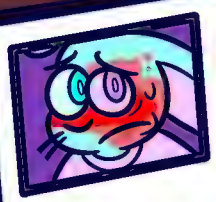
A FEW DAYS AGO...

RIIIING

9:00

I don't even need this anymore... I should disable it

9:00



BRIGHT. HOWTLOOK

Age: 20 Pronouns: he/him

Faves: 2D animation, comics, video games, flowers

NOTICE OF
TERMINATIO

CALM AFTER THE STORM
STILL TO LIFE
A HISTORY OF ANIMATION

It's not like I was getting paid or anything.
I guess I just wanted to make a difference...
What will it take? For me to have a purpose...?
I thought that's what I was meant to do... I thought... I thought...

I thought the system was supposed to help people like me.
Maybe I could have been the good one. Maybe I could have broken the cycle.

It doesn't matter now. It's over.

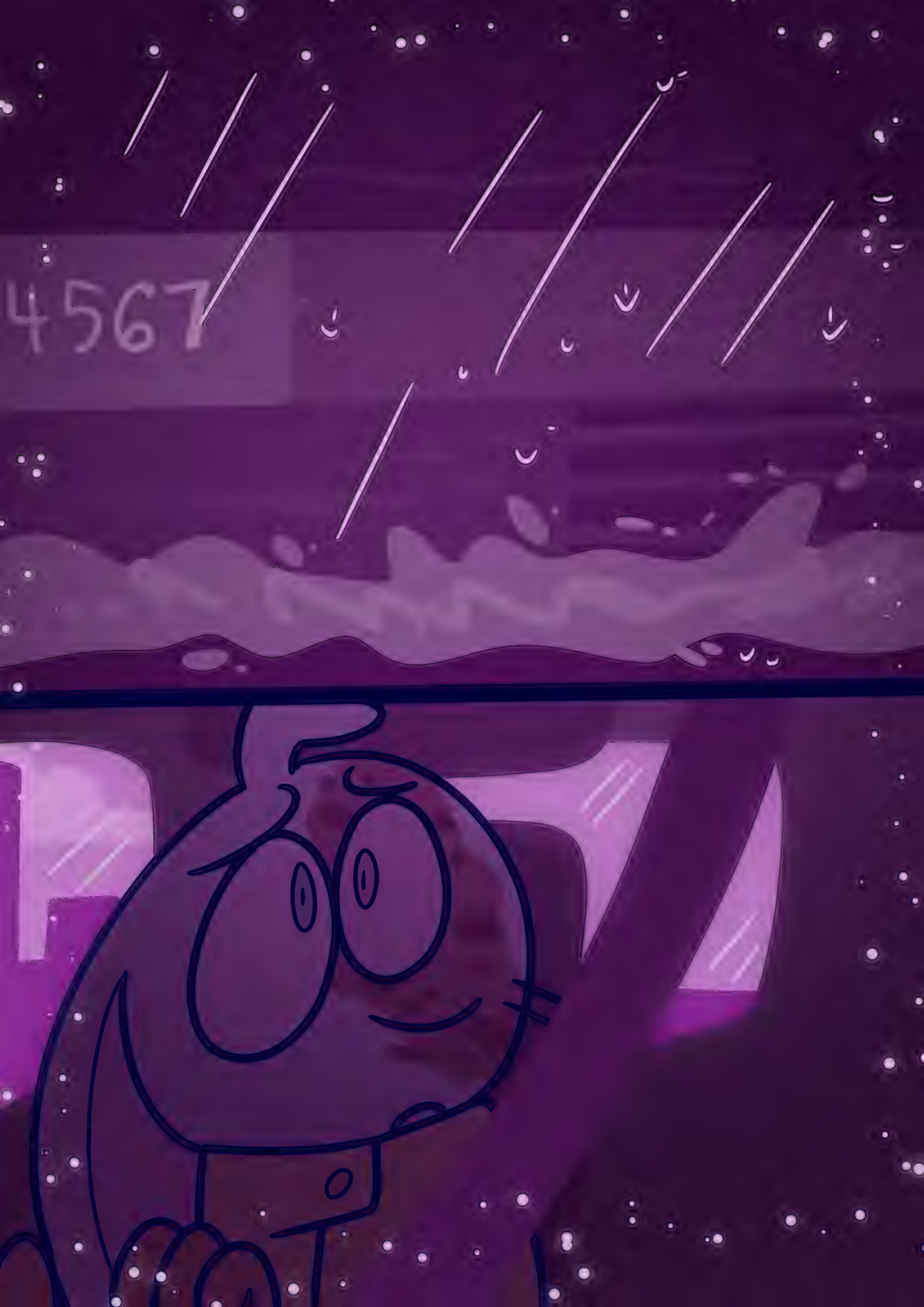
114-209-2425
I'm awfully sick. I'd be nice to find the cure.
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

Can you help me?
U-um... I... I want to help you find the cure.
4567 Unsure Ave. Can you remember that?
Uuh- what does that lead to?

BEEEEEP

Oh, are you going somewhere?
O-oh, yeah, I have something I need to do.
GLENDA DARK
Age: 94
Pronouns: she/her
Faves: Galloween, horror movies, being fashionable
?
Be sure to take an umbrella.

Why am I just driving to a random address with no idea who or what's there? This is like the plot of horror movies.
And yet I have this feeling I can't explain...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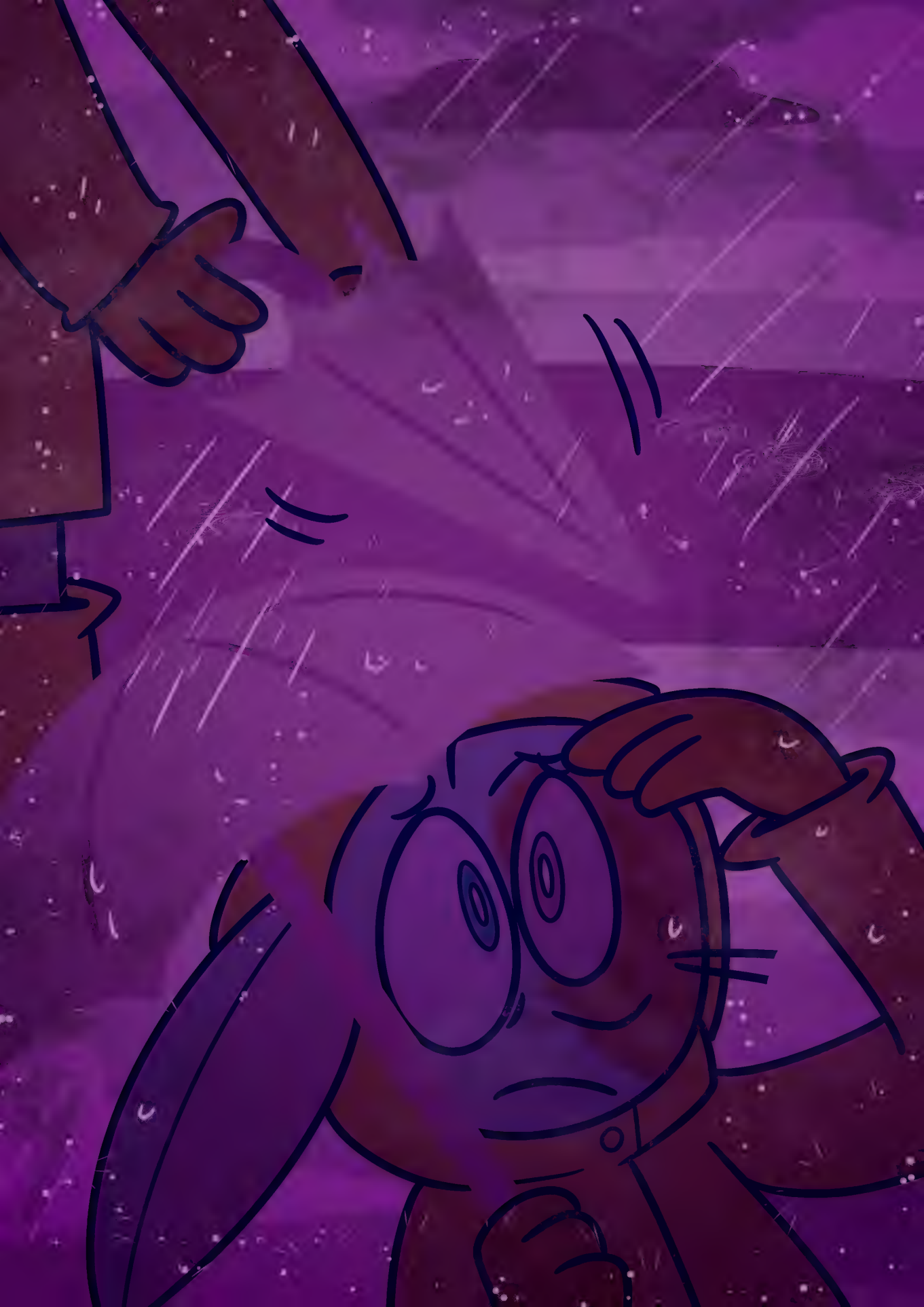


RATTLE
RATTLE
CREEEEEAK

LOBBY

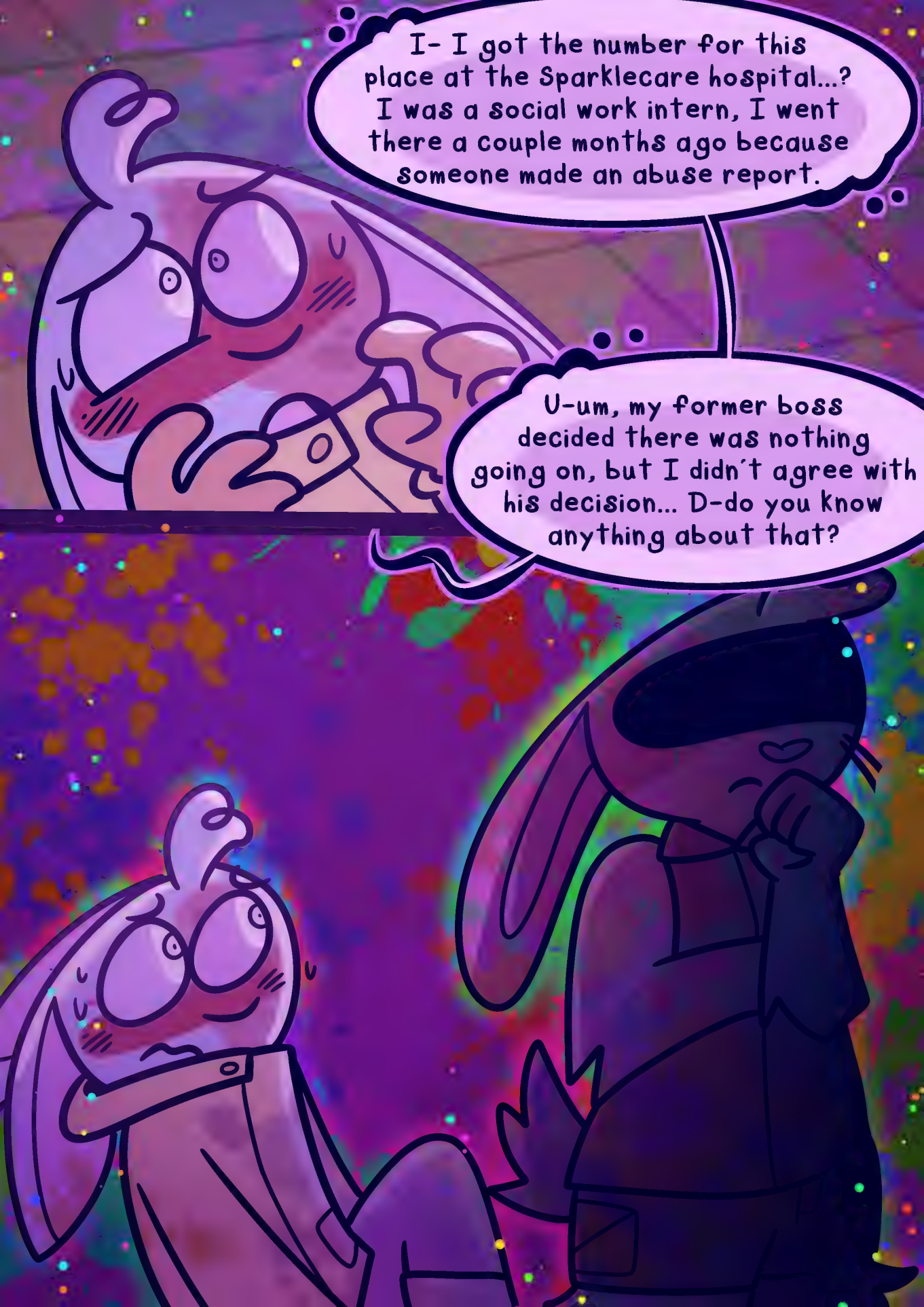
SLAM!
DROP

SMACK

YOU! STATE YOUR BUSINESS!

A-AH!!! I'M-
I'M HERE- TO-
To WHAT?

H-help- find- a- cure!!!
...oh. So you're the one that called.
Y-yes...???


I- I got the number for this place at the Sparklecare hospital...? I was a social work intern, I went there a couple months ago because someone made an abuse report.
U-um, my former boss decided there was nothing going on, but I didn't agree with his decision... D-do you know anything about that?

...she was wondering when you'd finally call.
My name is Kisses Anne Hughs.
I am the leader...
...of the ANTIBODY.
KISSES ANNE HUGHS
Position: Antibody leader
Age: 23 Pronouns: she/bun
Faves: Being respected, colorful things, plushies, The Holiday Slaughter

Uh... the... what now?
The Antibody, an organization dedicated to the search for justice against Sparklecare and all its crimes...
...specifically that of the Doc himself... Doctor Cuddles.

That's the weird pink guy right?
...oh how I wish to be you, only knowing him as "the weird pink guy"...
I'm guessing he's really bad, then.
BAD DOESN'T EVEN BEGIN TO COVER IT.

...sorry. I really don't like him. None of us do.
H-how many of you are there...?
A lot. We are former patients, families, former staff, and others just dedicated to taking down the disease.
We have had to move our headquarters many times to avoid having it discovered by the Doc or his followers.
We still protest, but it's never enough.
...and that's where you come in.
M-me?

Hey, Hughs, who are you talking to?

LUCY CHARM

Position: Action division leader
Age: 23 Pronouns: she/her

Faves: Collecting trinkets, electronic music, watching movies

Charm, this is the social worker that we've been expecting to come for a while. Sir, this is Lucy Charm, she's in our action division, which focuses on protest and other hands-on initiative.

It's very nice to meet you! What's your name?
Oh, um, it's Brigh. Brigh T. Howtlook.
Well, Howtlook, it's awesome to have you here helping us! We've been waiting for you to come for weeks!!!
W...waiting for me? Uh-- I- I think you guys should know that I--

Oooh lemme get Iris!
She'll be so excited to meet you!

So... how did you get into social work stuff?
Umm, well... I was in a bad situation as a teenager and I wanted to help other people get out of situations like that.
Oh... I'm sorry.
I- it's fine. I'm okay now. I live with my old neighbor, she takes care of me.

Iris, this is Brigh T. Howtlook! He's the social worker who's going to help us with our plan!
IRIS
Position: Information division leader
Age: 48 Pronouns: she/her
Faves: Unsolved mysteries, the occult, cryptozoology, eating her glasses

Pleasure to meet you, Howtlook. You can call me Iris.
Why do they call you that?
Is this not obvious? It's my glasses. They're iconic.
How do you... see out of those?

i dont have to see to know things.
You see, Howtlook, there's a world out there that's full of mystery and questions and things people refuse to accept

Y-yep, I know a thing or two about people not accepting stuff...

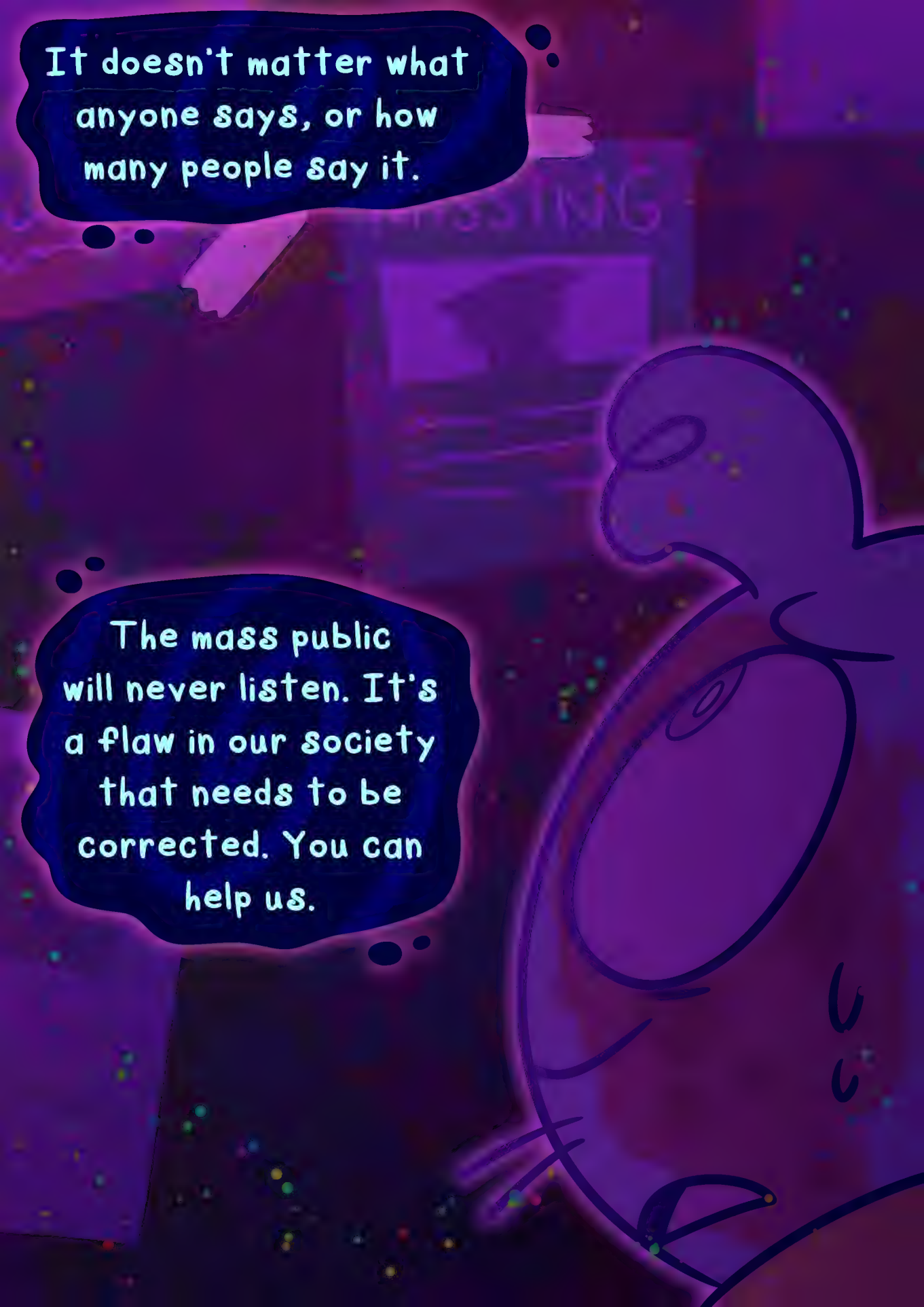
FALSE
FALSE
CCT NEWS
"I DIDN'T MEAN TO REPEATEDLY STAB HIM TO DEATH"- KILLER'S DEFENSE
SERIAL KILLER CAUGHT; BUT HE HAD SUCH A BRIGHT FUTURE!
IDIOTS IN THE MODERN AGE
MISSING
WANTED for LIES
Allegations against Sparklecare FALSE
LIARS MAKING THINGS UP
MISSING
REWARD $5000
ATTENTION SEEKERS LIE ABOUT MURDER TO GET SYMPATHY
MISSING
MISSING
PROLLYCARE shut down over claims of malpractice
FAKER! LIAR EXPOSED
Wedoncare under investigation
SPARKLECARE INNOCENT
HAVE YOU SEEN ME?
LIARS
BRAIN WASHING
PR STUNT
HOAX
LIA
LIA
LIAR
ITS NOT TRUE
WE CAN MAKE IT
BETTER
LIES
LIES
LIES

For over a decade, there have been people who vanish under mysterious circumstances related to the Sparklecare hospital.

Escaped patients, people who speak out, people who put their nose where it doesn't belong.

When people escape, sometimes they're never seen again.
People believe it's because the hospital took them out so they couldn't spread the truth.
MISSING
555-5555
$5000 REWARD
HORRIBLE LIAR
MENTALLY ILL
RETURN TO HOSPITAL

But... why do people not listen when there's so many people talking about it and speaking up about what happens there?
People who have power, whether it's social, political, or economical- can get away with anything. They can shut people up so easily, and people will listen to them more than the people who speak out.


It doesn't matter what anyone says, or how many people say it.
The mass public will never listen. It's a flaw in our society that needs to be corrected. You can help us.

B-but... what can I do? I'm just one guy.
Sometimes all it takes is one person to make that difference. Even the tiniest of efforts can change everything.

Charm, gather everyone to the day room. We're going to have a meeting to discuss our next steps.
On it!

A-are there gonna be a lot of people coming in?
The fact you need to reassure me worries me.
Fair amount. Don't worry, we don't bite.

Hey, you're the social worker guy?
Y-yep, that's me... kind of.
KATHY LEET
Position: Action division
Age: 29
Pronouns: she/her
Faves: Sports, going to the gym, watermelon, fruity drinks, Uni
My name's Kathy Leet! We're happy to have you here!

He looks awfully young to be a social worker.
CEDRIC COUGHS
Position: Information divison
Age: 25
Pronouns: they/them
Faves: Rock music, soda, Spinch history, cartography and geography
O-oh, um, I was an intern before actually.
Oh? How's that going now?
W-well--

OKAY, EVERYBODY, LISTEN UP! Meeting is in session!

But Hughs, Till isn't here yet.

.....

...does anyone want to go get Till.

JENNA "JEN" ORUS

Position: Action divison
Age: 29
Pronouns: she/her

Faves: Art, her friends, gossiping about rude people

AIDEN REPAIR
Position: Action divison
Age: 49
Pronouns: he/him
Faves: Robotics, collecting junk, being left alone
Um... I'll do it.

PLEASE
KNOCK
THANKs
PLEASE
KNOCK
THANKS

PLEASE
Till, we're having a meeting in the day room, can you come out here?
PLEASE KNOCK
--U-UHM- JUST A SECOND!!!
No, NOW. The social worker we've been waiting to come for weeks is here.
I'm sure whatever you're doing can wait.

O-okay, I'm sorry, I'm here...
TILL "TILLY" FATE
Position: Technology division
Age: 24
Pronouns: he/him
Faves: Computers, making playlists and music, staying indoors, REDACTED and REDACTED
Y-you don't have to look at me like that!!!
Whatever. Let's go.
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